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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continuing Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, and in response to the final Office Action mailed 29 January 2003. Mailed concurrently herewith is a request for a one-month extension of time, i.e., through Thursday, 29 May 2003. No further extension is believed to be necessary. However, in the event that a further extension of time is deemed to be necessary, Applicants request that such extension be granted, and the undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 07-1765 in the appropriate amount. Reconsideration of the patentability of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks below.